

Annual Report



Updated Mission

To meet identified needs of children and youth who experience state or tribal foster care across New Mexico in order to strengthen their sense of community and help them thrive.

Our Values

- Value the voices of those with lived experience; listen to those with direct experience.
- Respect the individuality and privacy of the children and youth in foster care that we serve as well as the families, placements, and other adults who support them. Support the foster parents and professionals who care for the foster children and youth through our programs.
- Be inclusive in our work, striving to eliminate barriers to access. Promote equity in our work, working to reduce systematic inequalities due to race, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, physical ability, religion, language, religion and other categories.
- Demonstrate the worth of those who support our organization as employees, contractors, donors, and volunteers by striving for equitable compensation, timely recognition, and respectful utilization of their time and talents.

President's Letter

Dear Friends community,

2022 has been an exciting year as we have expanded both the depth and breadth of our programs in support of children and youth in state or tribal custody. By depth, I mean the number of foster children we served which increased by 85% this year. We expanded our Style and Fit program and we introduced our It's Your Birthday! program. The Birthday program has many fun jobs for volunteers to do.

Friends added new staff members this year; they are working on gathering feedback from those with lived/direct experience and developing new programs or partnerships to address areas of unmet need.

We moved into a new office at 1330 San Pedro in Albuquerque and hope you come visit us during our Open House/Resource Fair on January 14, 2:00-5:00. Our team has been working on a revamped website which we expect to launch in January as well.

We hope you will join us in 2023!

- Pat Briggs, Board President



It's Your Birthday!

With the launch of this new program, we helped 101 children and youth in care celebrate their special day with gifts/gift cards, books, and personalized cards.



Style and Fit

This year, our Style and Fit program grew significantly - over 140% - and provided shopping awards to 139 children and youth in care.



Expanding Horizons

We fulfilled 30 general support requests this year including bicycles and tricycles with helmets and other safety gear; trip assistance; a basketball goal; camp registration fees; driver's education classes; luggage; and a family swim pass.



Summer Fun

Fifty five summer fun requests were fulfilled. One family wrote, "Thank you for the Summer Fun instruments.... [W]e placed the Ukulele and Drum set in their hands. They lit up and shrieked with joy.... They both have been wanting these instruments for some time. We had a short jam session before bed; good times."

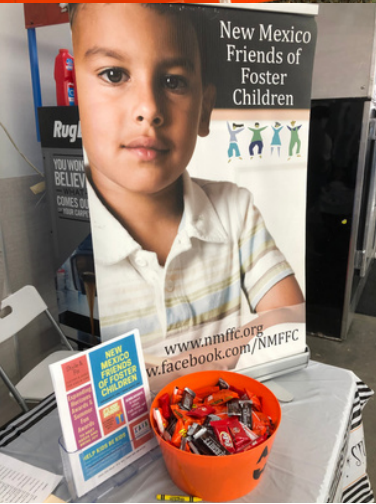


Scholarships

We awarded 20 scholarships to youth who experienced foster care and are pursuing their academic and/or training dreams after high school.



Outreach



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If you are interested in supporting a specific program or donating in other ways,
please reach out us at development@nmffc.org.*

**"We were getting a little stressed with how we were going to budget for more clothes. That evening I got your approval of our request, and it made me cry. "
- a foster parent**

Financial Reporting 2022

Total Income: \$85,000.00

Direct Program Awards: \$58,000.00

**As of 12/15/22*

Our Board has committed to a three year growth plan with the goal of expanding both how many children and youth in care we serve and how we support them.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

Our It's Your Birthday! program offers many ways for individuals and organizations in our community to support kids in care. We were excited to welcome these volunteers to NMFFC this year!

Board of Directors

Patricia Briggs, President
Sophie Asher, Vice President
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If you are interested in joining our Board, please contact us at info@nmffc.org.

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Above: A quad stroller wagon with five-point adjustable safety harnesses purchased for a foster family currently caring for four children under the age of four as part of our Expanding Horizons program.

Below: It's Yuur Birthday pictures



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